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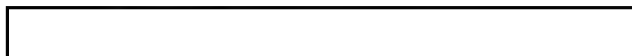


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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

Military Situation in South Vietnam: Significant fighting continues to be confined to the central highlands.

US troops in Operation PAUL REVERE II along the Cambodian border in southeast Pleiku Province fought a five-hour engagement with a battalion-size North Vietnamese force on 15 August. The action took place near the Chu Pong mountain area, the scene of earlier heavy fighting and long a Communist stronghold. (See Map)

Late reports indicate that sporadic contact is continuing, although adverse weather is hampering US efforts to encircle the enemy force. US losses in the current fighting stand at 19 killed and 22 wounded. Enemy losses have not been reported.

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NOTES

Czechoslovakia - Warsaw Pact: Czech news media are billing the Vltava exercise, scheduled for September, as the largest Warsaw Pact exercise ever held. Elements of several airborne and other ground force divisions apparently will be transported by rail and air from the western military districts of the USSR to Czechoslovakia to demonstrate the USSR's growing capability for rapid reinforcement of Eastern Europe. The Czechs also plan a giant postexercise parade, which may feature such weapons as the new FROG-7 tactical rocket, first shown in Moscow last November and in Warsaw a month ago.

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Israel-Syria: Yesterday's clash, in which the Israelis claim two Syrian MIGs were shot down, was the second serious incident in a little over a month. On 14 July, Israeli aircraft attacked Syria's Jordan waters diversion project. The 15 August incident began when an Israeli patrol boat ran aground close to the eastern shoreline of the Sea of Galilee and exchanged fire with Syrian artillery. Although Israel claims sovereignty over the Sea, Israeli boats for several years had refrained from approaching closer than about 250 meters to the Syrian shore.

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Congo (Kinshasa): [The Katangan unit which left its posts in the northeastern Congo two weeks ago apparently has arrived in Kisangani. Rebellious Katangan troops in the city may number as many as 2,700, and the available government forces cannot cope with them. The most significant unit there, which is still apparently subordinate to Kinshasa, is the 80-man white mercenary force. The Katangans may be planning to move toward Tshombe's Katanga redoubt, or they may stay in Kisangani and exploit their strong bargaining position.]

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Cuba - Latin America: The Communist-dominated Latin American Student Congress, which met in Havana 29 July to 11 August, has laid the groundwork for establishing a permanent regional student organization. The final communiqué of the congress specifically endorsed "armed struggle" as the best vehicle for revolution in Latin America and urged students to take up arms against "Yankee imperialism." The location of the headquarters of this organization in Havana will give Cuba excellent "cover" for providing guerrilla warfare training to Latin American extremists.

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